EX-JUDGE ARNOUX'S OPINIONS.

WHY THE AQUELUCT SHOULD BE BUILT TO CROTON

DAM-COST OF QUAKER DAM,

The Aqueduct Commissioners held a session yesterday afternoon at their office in Thie Turbusty. Building. Mr. Weir, of this city, said he would like to present some estimates that he had made upon the cost of the wooden flume which it are possible to build from the Croton Dain which it are possible to build from the Croton Dain which it are possible to build from the Croton Dain which it are possible to the did so the control of the public health as affected by the proposed dain and reservoir known as the Quaker Dain. That had been done sufficiently. What he wished to impress upon them was the fact that storage was not an increase of supply. It was simply husbanding from rainy years a sufficient supply for the needs of dry years. It was doing for water what Joseph had done in Egypt for Corn. The weak Joint of the proposed Quaker Dain was a few the proposed Quaker Dain was the was decidedly in Croton Dain because it was obviously in the right direction, pointing toward those additional sources of water supply which in the natural growth of the city must be sought for sooner or later. Whether it should be determined in the future to pump water from the Hudson above Poughkeepsic or to adopt that grand plan of going to the Adrondacks, the aqueduct from the Croton Dain to Maurice ave., Sing Sing, would be a true integral part of either was preferable to water drawn Low was purified by the most might have polluted it. But his main argument was based upon the importance of looking forward to the ultimate future when the rainfall of the Croton system would be insufficient for the needs of the city.

The year 1880, Judge Arnoux continued, was a dry year, and the possibilities of was purified by the most supplied with the work of the city was 100,000,000 gallons daily, or there was preferable to water drawn Low and one-half times the most of the wind and the decicency of the city was 100,000,000 gallons daily consumption of the city was 100,000,000 gallons daily consumption of the city was 100,000,000 gallons daily consu

Mayor Edson—I don't think Newton's report read that ay. I never read it so, and I think it hardly fair to give that construction.

Judge Arnoux—May it please your Honor, it gives in the report about \$60 per million gailons as the cost of the reservoir, and that makes less than two millions, as you will discover by multiplication. A friend has whispered to me that four millions are elsewhere stated as the cost, but I am sure that I have read in the report—ab, here is the page—"cost of carrying up the dam to the proposed point, \$2,000,000."

Mayor Edson—I am perfectly unbiased in my views,

and I am compelled to say that your reading is absolutely unfair. Judge Arnoux sat down and Julius Adams, a civil ngineer, rose. He said:

Mr. Newton is sick, but he has authorized me to say that he reported as follows:

Cost of Quaker Dam \$2,500,000 Cost of carrying Quaker Dam sixty feet above the level of Croton Dam 2,000,000 ...\$4,500,000

The meeting was then adjourned. At the business session which followed a report was read from Chief Engineer Church, showing that the estimated cost of the construction and maintenance of bridges and roads, should the Quaker Bridge Dam be built, was \$599,500.

EXPECTED PROMISES FOR THE NEW YEAR.

The Commissioners of Emigration will hold their last meetiing of this year to-day, when it is expected that they will greet each other with "A Happy New Year." It is said that the present which Commissioner Ulrich contemplated making to Commissioner Stephenson, of a pair of hard gloves, is not ready, but that the latter will present to the former a motto, "Love Your Enemies," specially worked for him, as a parlor ornament and a peace offering. The Board room has been cleaned and renovated, so that it will not be necessary for Mr. Stephenson to carry out his threat to make a mop of Mr. Ulrich and "wipe the floor" with him, Resolutions for the New Year will be adopted pledging the older members of the board to speak of Mr. Ulrich and Mr. Taintor as the "juvenile members," and for Mr. Ulrich not to refer to the others as "old fogies." Commissioner Starr will promise not to repeat that the Board is in a "moribund condition"; Commissioner Forrest will promise not to be too sensitive when addressed as the "venerable member" by Mr. Ulrich; and Commissioner Lynch will pledge himself against special reference to church questions. President Hurlbut will forgive Mr. Ulrich for accusing him of having paid to have his biography written for The Public Service. Commissioner Hauselt will pledge himself for peace at all times, and for the projection of his co-member and countryman, while Commissioner Taintor will promise meckness and to "vote as his conscience dictates." EXPECTED PROMISES FOR THE NEW YEAR.

WARDEN FINN'S WARNING TO PRISONERS. Warden Finn glanced vesterday at a printed notice in the Tombs headed "Notice to Prisoners," and said to a TRIBUNE reporter: "I only did my duty in having this notice printed and a copy of it nailed in the several corridors of the city prisons and in each of the cells, and I do not care what the lawyers say."

The notice reads:

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You are cautioned against certain lawyers and others, who represent themselves as having influence with certain officials—who, they say, will have you discharged, or receive but a light sentence. It is customary for said lawyers to send for you to the Counsel Room, find, out if you have money or friends; if the latter, go to them, obtain a fee, and in many cases, do nothing for it. There are prisoners here who will approach you in the interests of such lawyers, but have nothing to do with them. Be advised only by your friends, and if you have none appeal to the Court.

IAMES FINN, Warden.

"I make no charges against anyone" continued the warden, "but you know that many of the prisoners who come here deserve to be here, while others are the victims of misfortune. Some are ignorant and do not know that they have a right to appeal to the court in case they have no lawyer. I have done all in my power to prevent lawyers taking advantage of prisoners under my care. To day there are 318 prisoners in the Tombs, while the total for the year will not fall 'ar below 50,000."

TO PROTECT WARD'S ISLAND.

Chief of Battalion Reilly, who was directed to investigate some published statements regarding the fire in the City Insane Asyum on Ward's Island, made a report to the Fire Commissioners yesterday. He stated that the fire engine which had been placed on the Island in the care of the Commissioners of Charities and Correction was not in working order at the time of the fire. Some unskilled employes at the City Insane Asylum had been making experiments with the engine on the previous day and had broken the hydrant connection. The other engine on the island, in the custody of the Commissioners of Emigration, was used effectively at the fire. The signal box at the City Insane Asylum was not used to send the first alarm, but the alarm was sent from the box at the State Insane Asylum, half a mile distant, thus causing a serious delay. Chief Reilly thinks that the Fire Department cannot protect the institutions on the Island properly until provision is made for taking engines from the city with greater speed. He recommends that the engine now in the care of the Commissioners of Charities and Correction be kept

NATIONAL GUARD NOTES.

"Patience," under the anspices of Captain Chauncey's company of the Sth Regiment, will be caused the Lexington Avenue Opera House on January 3. There are vacancies for some line offication that the Lexington Avenue Opera House on January 3. There are vacancies for some line offication that the Lexington Avenue Opera House on January 3. There are vacancies for some line offication that the Lexington Avenue Opera House on January 3. There are vacancies for some line offication that the Lexington Avenue Opera House on January 3. There are vacancies for some line offication that the Lexington Avenue Opera House on January 3. There are vacancies for some line offication that the Lexington Avenue Opera House on January 3. There are vacancies for some line offication that the Lexington Avenue Opera House on January 3. There are vacancies for some line offication that th TO PROTECT WARD'S ISLAND.

in the future from injury at the hands of untrained employes. His report received the indorsement of employes. His report to the Fire Commissioners.

COMPLAINTS AGAINST POLICEMEN.

MR. BERGH'S OPINION OF THE USE OF A WHIP—COMMISSIONER FRENCH AND MR. FELLOE.

Henry Bergh was in the trial room at Police Headquarters yesterday, to assist Mrs. Gideon L. Meore, a member of his society, in the prosecution of Policeman Hamilton, of the Thirtieth Precinct, who was accused of improper conduct, in beating a balky horse on December 11, in the Boulevard, near the Colored Orphan Asylum. Mrs. Moore testified that she saw the policeman take the driver's whip and beat the horse cruelly. The officer admitted that he had whipped the horse, but he said the blows were light. He produced the whip to prove that cruel blows could not be inflicted with it upon a horse. It was a light whip, with a leathern lash. The driver testified that the blows structure testified that the blows structure that the officer left no marks on the horse left was the business of a professional Bergh said it was the business of a professional to protect dumb animals, not to beat them. He thought the use of the whip ought to be reserved for men. Commissioner French, who presided at the trial, remarked that horses sometimes were "as the trial, remarked that horses sometimes were "as the trial, remarked that horses sometimes were "as the officer and the make them so." The complaint against the policeman was dismissed.

Policeman John Roberts, No. 2, of the Twentynnth Precinct, was accused of arresting Mrs. Mary A. McDonald at No. 52 East Twentieth-st., without cause, late on the night of November 13, and draging her to the police station in her night-clothing. Mrs. McDonald's statements were contradicted flatly. It was shown that the policeman was called to the house by the agent, who said that Mrs. McDonald was a trespasser and was acting disorderly. Charles Felloe, a chemist living in the house, testified that he made a complaint against the woman because she was drunk and disorderly. Mr. French, after listening to the statements of the witness, turned to Roberts and inqured:

"Did Mr. Felloe tell you he was an acquaintance of mine an MR. BERGH'S OFINION OF THE USE OF A WHIP-COMMISSIONER FRENCH AND MR. FELLOE.

"No, sir."
"That is surprising," Mr. French continued,
"for I understand that Mr. Felloe once received
\$150 from a man, promising to secure his appointment as a policeman, on the strength of my friendship, and that the man, who failed to get the appointment, is now suing Mr. Felloe to get his money
back."

back."
Mr. Felloe's face flushed and his eyes filled with tears, but he made no reply to Mr. French's speech.
Roberts then was told that he had committed an error of judgment in arresting Mrs. McDonald, and he was cautioned not to interfere again in a quarrel between the tenants of a house. The complaint was dismissed. was dismissed.

DESERTING A BARGE IN THE SOUND.

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Between two and three o'clock on Monday morning a tug-boat with four barges in tow, from Providence, R. I., ran one of the barges on the rocks at Stratford Shoals Lighthouse. The captain of the tug ordered the hawser, which secured this and another, to be cut, and the tug went on its way. The barge which struck on the rocks was stove and in a short time filled and sank. Two of the men who were on the barge succeeded in climbing on the rocks where they were discovered by the lighthouse-keepers. A rope was thrown to them, which they made fast around their wasts, and with much difficulty they were drawn up into the lighthouse, suffering intensely with cold. At noon on Monday the captain of the steamer Nonawantue, running between Port Jefferson and Bridgeport, Coun., while on her way to the former place, saw the other barge that was cut loose with a distress signal flying. He was requested by the captain of the barge to tow him to Bridgeport. He took the barge in tow and removed the men who had been rescued from the sunken barge. When about one mile from Bridgeport lighthouse, the tug which had deserted the barges came in search of them, and, hailing the men on the barge that was in tow of the Nonawantuc, ordered them to cast loose from the steamer. The tug followed closely, and, when some distance inside the lighthouse, ran alongside of the barge, and, making fast to her, one of the deck hands cast her loose from the Nonawantuc. At the time that the barge which sunk struck the rocks there were three men on board, one of whom was drowned. His body has not yet been recovered. Suit will be brought by the owners of the Nonowantuc against the owners of the barge for salvage.

DYING BRAVELY AT HIS POST.

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At Long Branch Junction, on the Pennsylvania Railroad, yesterday morning, an accident occurred by which one of the most popular engineers on the road lost his life. The train to which the accident occurred was the Long Branch freight, known as Extra No. 913. It was in charge of Conductor Allen, and was nearing a switch, when, either by a broken rail or snow, the engine and train of four cars was thrown from the track. The engine turned completely over, burying under the caband instantly killing the engineer, Frederick Pirmeo, of Elizabeth. The fireman, C. H. Traphagen, stood clear of the cab top at the time of the accident, and by jumping in the snow saved himself. When he last glanced at Pirmeo, he saw him with his hand on the lever and his teeth set together. The other men on the train were unburt. The road was obliged to run its two Long Branch trains to Elizabethport over the Jersey Central road. There was a train below the wreck, by which bassengers were brought up and transferred, so that the delay was trilling. The damage cannot be estimated till the engine is brought to the shops. Pirmeo's body was brought up to Elizabeth. He was a young man of good family, who followed his employment because he liked it. He was married three years ago and leaves one child. he liked it. He was married three years ago and leaves one child.

INDICTMENTS AGAINST BECKWITH

A motion was made yesterday by ex-Judge Fullerton, before Judge Cowing, in the Court of General Sessions, to dismiss nine indictments for embezzlement against Charles R. Beckwith, who has already served a term of imprisonment for embezzling money from B. T. Babbitt, the soap manufacturer. A judgment has been obtained in a civil suit for \$200,000, which it is charged was stolen by Beckwith while he was employed as Mr. Babbit's clerk. District-Attorney Olney opposed the motion, arguing that the prisoner had no standing in court, as he had voluntarily absented himself. An affidavit was read to show that Beckwith had gone to Mexico. It was also argued that under the old code, which was the law at the time of Beckwith's indictment, the motion could not be entered without the consent of the District-At orney, Judge Cowing seemed inclined to favor the latter view, but no formal opinion was delivered. INDICTMENTS AGAINST BECKWITH

THE AMOUNT OF GRAIN IN WAREHOUSE. THE AMOUNT OF GRAIN IN WAREHOUSE.

A large number of the merchants who went out of town to spend Christmas had not returned yesterday, and those who made their appearance on the Produce Exchange evinced no desire to trade. It was believed that the Exchange would not assume its usual activity until after New-Year's Day, Though the amount of grain in warehouse at this port shows a decline of 373,000 bushels as compared with a week ago, there is an increase of 4,063,700 bushels ascompared with a year ago, the total being 14,517,339 bushels, divided as follows: wheat, 7,735,572; corn, 2,503,687; oats, 3,246,413; rye, 440,631; barley, 400,405; and malt, 190,621 bushels. The increase compared with a year ago is as follows: wheat, 830,025; corn, 1,190,402; oats, 2,312,055; rye, 239,722; barley, 332,696; and malt, 59,120 bushels.

THE CAPTURED BROOKLYN BURGLARS.
Policemen Michael McLaughlin and John C.
Molsake, of the Fourth Brooklyn Precinct, and
Special Policeman Wasserman, of the American
District Telegraph Company, who captured two
burglars, John Roberts and William Johnson, alias
W. H. Direks, in the act of breaking into the safe in
the store of Mark Schriefer, at No. 331 DeKalb-ave,
yesterday morning, were highly praised by Police
Superintendent Campbell for what they had done.
Johnson was committed to the Raymond Street Jail,
by Justice Walsh. Roberts, who was shot in the
shoulder as he attempted to escape, was put under
treatment in the Cumberland Street Hospital. The
wound in his shoulder was a severe one, and the
bullet could not be found. The burglars had drilled
several holes in the safe, which contained \$250
in money and \$520 in checks. Their tools were on
the floor. Policeman McLaughlin had tried the
door an hour before and found it fast. THE CAPTURED BROOKLYN BURGLARS. door an hour before and found it fast.

FIREMEN AND THE SCALING LADDERS. FIREMEN AND THE SCALING LADDERS.

The Fire Commissioners yesterday resolved that hereafter no member of the uniformed force, below the grade of Chief of Batallion, shall be promoted unless at the time of filing his application for promotion he also files with the secretary a certificate to the effect that he hassuccessfully passed through both classes of the school of instruction. The effect of this action will be to prevent the promotion of firemen, from foremen down, who have not become proficient in the use of life-saving apparatus. Probably no more effective measure could have been taken by the Commissioners to compel men of all grades to risk their bones on the scaling ladders.

HOME NEWS.

PROMINENT ARRIVALS. PROMINENT ARRIVALS.

Fifth Avenue Hotel—Senator John A. Logan, of Illinois; ex-Senator Francis Kernan, of Utica, and Pere Hyacinthe... N. 10. York Hotel—Beverley Tucker, of Virginia, and General Charles P. Easton, of Albany; Westminster Hotel—General J. S. Negley, of Pittsburg ... Windsor Hotel—Judge C. S. Bradley, of Providence... St. Denis Hotel—Reswell A. Parmenter, of Troy.... St. Nicholas Hotel—Ex-tovernor Redfield Proctor, of Vermont... Brevoort House—Henry S. Sandford, of Florida ... Hotel Brunsseick—William Bliss, President of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company.

WHAT IS GOING ON TO-DAY. Board of Apportlonment in Mayor's office, 11 a. m. Meeting of Commissioners of Emigration. Feuardent libel suit before Judge Shipman. Intercollegiate Rowing Association in Fifth Avenue lotel.

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Laying corner-stone of Citizens' Bicycle Club-House.
Board of Education, at Grand and Eim-sts.

Cotillon ball in Delmouleo's.

Corner's inquest in Schneider murder case, Newark.

Conference on Modern Languages in Columbia College.

Aunual meeting of St. Johnland Society, No. 66 Wall-st.

Baratoga Monument Association in General Graham's

Mee.

Christmas festival celebration in Mr. Talmage's Church. Order of the Mystic Shrine reception in Masonic Temple.

NEW-YORK CITY. A ruddy-looking, robust son of Erin said yester-day: "If snow continues to fall, I would not swap my shovel for a small silver mine."

The snow is piled six feet high along the middle of Madison-ave., leaving just enough on either side for good sleighing.

A Bleecker-st. car broke down in front of The Tribune Building yesterday afternoon, but no pas-A fair will soon be held in the Church of St. Benedict the Moor, at Bleecker and Downing sts., to reduce the debt.

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The "old boys" who attended school in the ancient school-house at Fifth-st., near Avenue D, are making preparations for a reunion dinner.

The steamship Lake Winnipeg, of the Beaver Line, which sailed from Liverpool for New-York on December 13, is now four days overdue.

Policeman Francis Denning, of the Sixth Precinct, who was under charges of intoxication, resigned

vesterday. Girls and boys in Mulberry-st, had a merry time coasting yesterday on a huge pile of snow in front of Police Headquarters.

of Police Headquarters.

KNOCKED DOWN BY SNOW FROM A ROOF.

A mass of snow fell from the roof of the Post
Office building at 10.50 a.m. yesterday and knocked
down Sergeant Devoe, of the Broadway Squad, He
received a scalp wound, which was dressed at the
Chambers-Street Hospital.

THE MEDICO-LEGAL SOCIETY DINNER.
The installation of officers and annual dinner of the Medico-Legal Society will be held on January 9. An assistant secretary will be elected, no candidate getting a sufficient number of votes at the last

ENCROACHING UPON A NARROW STREET.

The Board of Aldermen yesterday rescinded a resolution permitting Leo Schlesinger to build a vanit in front of Nos. 1, 3 and 5 Jersey-st., because he had carried it eight feet beyond the curb line. The street is only twelve feet wide.

TO ORGANIZE A REPUBLICAN CLUB.

A meeting is to be held to-night at the Hamilton Hotel, One-hundred-and-twenty-fifth-st, and Eighth-ave, to organize a Republican Club for the XIXth Assembly District. A circular signed by Theodore B, Hamilton, Gilbert R, Hawes, George E, Best and Rosell L, Richardson has been sent to a large number of Republicans, inviting them to be present.

present.

"There is nothing new in the Harrold suit," said
R. E. Deyo, one of the counsel for the Elevated
Railway Company. "I am waiting to see what the
other side is going to do next; rather waiting to
have the lawyers and doctors settle their troubles.
It is not my fight now." It is not my fight now."

THE NEW-YORK DRIVING CLUB.

The new name of the Gentleman's Driving Association is the New-York Driving Club. At the annual meeting recently held the following officers were elected: David Bonner, president; C. H. Raymond, vice-president; Samuel F. Sniffen, secretary, J. L. Humfreyille, treasurer; Shepherd F. Knapp, J. H. Miller, J. H. DeMott, Frederick W. Vanderbilt, N. L. Hunting, executive committee.

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RETIRING AFTER THERTY YEARS' SERVICE.

The friends of H. R. Clarke tendered him a dinner last evening at Delmonico's, in commemoration of his retirement, after thirty years of active parinership, from the wholesale dry-goods house of Tefft, Weller & Co. He was also presented with a handsome souvenir of the occasion. Among those present were R. A. Kathan, G. C. Barnette, John Oberteuffer, Dudley Hall and Emile Dorler.

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PROTECTING CHILDREN FROM DANGEROUS PERFORMANCES.

The New-York Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children offers \$100 reward for information leading to the conviction of any persons unlawfully training and educating young children as rope or wire-walkers, or asgymnasts, contortionists, riders or acrobats, or in the like performances dangerous to life and limb; or of any persons indenturing or selling children for any such training or purpose.

GIFTS FOR FRIENDLESS CHILDREN.

A Christmas tree gaily decorated and laden with nany presents given by friends of the American Female Guardian Society and Home for the Friend-Female Guardian Society and Home for the Friend-less, was stripped yesterday afternoon in the Chap-el at No. 29 East Twenty-ninth-st. All the older children in the house, including those in the larger nursery, were present. After singing several beau-tiful hymns they received the presents.

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SHIPPING PETROLEUM TO AUSTRIA.

The British steamship Marcea was chartered yesterday to take a cargo of 10,000 barrels of crude petroleum to Fiume, Austria. The shippers are Ladenburg, Thoman & Co. This is the first shipment of oil in barrels by steamship made from this port, and it is the first shipment of oil made by steamship to the Adriatic. The premium on the insurance was 1 per cen, less than by sailing vessels.

MAKING POOR PEOPLE HAPPY.

Women and children began to gather about the City Hall steps yesterday afternoon as early as 1 o'clock. At 4 o'clock the number exceeded 500, and the Rev. Henry Kimball, aided by several policemen and other officials, distributed over 1,000 pounds of flour, meal, hominy, cheese, crackers and turnips. Mr. Kimball said that the next distribution would occur on Saturday at the same hour. He is supported in his work by several college classmates—of the Yale class of '52. The goods are contributed. tributed.

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BIGOT BEGINS A LIFE SENTENCE.

Amadie Bigot, who killed a Mrs. Rennault, in South Fifth-ave. in July, 1880, was sent to Sing Sing yesterday to begin a life sentence. After cutting his victim's throat he attempted to commit suicide. He was confined in the Tombs from September, 1880, till the following February, when a unnacy commission declared kim insane, and he was sent the Middletown Insane Asylum, remaining there over two years. Last March he was returned to the Tombs, and Justice Brady sentenced him for life last Friday. life last Friday.

AN AGED CONNIERFEITER GETS EIGHT YEARS.

Van Renselaer Abrams, who has been twice before sentenced to imprisonment for counterfeiting, was arraigned yesterday before Judge Benedict, of the United States Criminal Court, having been convicted of making counterfeit trade dollars. He is over sixty years of age and his bald head and gray beard give him a venerable appearance. He was watched by the United States detectives for several weeks at his home in One-hundred-and-twenty. weeks at his home in One-hundred-and-twenty-fifth-st, last winter, and was seen take to he rooms counterfeiting material. He was arrested while at work making the coins. Judge Benedict sentenced Abrams to eight years imprisonment in the Kings County Penetentiary.

County Peneteutiary.

THE FUNERAL OF YOUNG VON STERNBERGER.
The funeral of L. Richard von Sternberger, the young German nobleman who died at the Presbyterian flospital on Christmas day from an overdose of morphine, which was self-administered, took place yesterday morning at the hospital. A number of the young man's friends were present, and five of them acted as pall-bearers. Many wreaths and other floral designs had been sent by young Sternberger's acquaintances. The services were conducted by a Lutheran clergyman, and the body was taken to the receiving vault of the Lutheran Cemetry, where it will remain until instructions are received from the young man's relatives in Germany. Unavailing efforts were made yesterday to find relatives of his who were thought to live in Brooklyn.

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REGISTER'S OFFICE NOTES.

The Port Morris Land Improvement Company has mortgaged its possessions in the Twenty-third Ward to the extent of \$75,000. The property incumbered comprises land lying between the East River and Oak-ave., from One-hundred-and-thirty-second-st. to One-hundred-and-thirty-sighth-st. The Ioan was advanced by the Seamen's Bank for Savings. William R. Martin has bought for \$350,000 property on the northwest corner of Broadway and Fifty-sixth-st., being 162 feet on the former and extending about 210 feet along the latter. He has also disposed of two lots on the north side of Seventeenth-st., west of Second-ave., for \$210,000, and property in West Fifty-eighth-st., for \$155,000, to John Taylor. A mortgage on the Broadway property of \$210,000 forms a part of the consideration.

INJURED IN A COLLISION.

Professors S. F. Baird, J. D. Dana, A. S. Packard, Alpheus Hyatt, J. S. Newberry and G. Browne Goode. Its object is to secure co-operation among the professional investigators, museum workers, teachers, etc., in improving methods rather than results of work, and especially to improve the natural history museums and methods of teaching.

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THE GRAND JURY WANT A NEW ROOM.

The Board of Aldermen held a long meeting yesterday for the purpose of clearing off the business which has accumulated, the term of the present members expiring on the first Monday in January. A communication was received from Merritt Trimble, foreman of the Oyer and Terminer Grand Jury, requesting the use of the Chamber of the Board for the sessions of the Grand Jury, on the ground that the Governor's room is unfit for that purpose. Aldermen Kirk and Fitzpatrick opposed granting the request. President Reilly advocated it, and offered a resolution to that effect, which was carried.

BROOKLYN. BROOKLYN.

Blockades in Fulton-st. yesterday, were numerous. The street was barely fordable. Brooklynites are suffering from an acute eruption of hand-sled. The small boy endangers life and limb wherever there is sufficient grade to give the desired momentum.

The snow is so deep in some of the outer wards that several of the street-car companies found that snow-ploughs would not work. Gangs of men were set at work with spades, in Third-ave, yesterday. An effort is being made to secure the Rev. J.
Hyatt Smith, ex-Congressman and formerly pastor
of the Lee Avenue Baptist Church, to succeed the
Rev. W. C. Stiles in the East Congregational

The Rev. William Short has resigned the rectorship of Holy Trinity Chapel, in Duffield-st., owing to continued ill-health. He has been connected with the mission for ten years. Mayor Low has been petitioned by a large num-

ber of property-owners on the water front to estab-lish a river patrol of police as provided by the city

A coroner's jury rendered a verdict of suicide yes-terday in the case of John Thomas, of No. 177 Orchard-st. New-York, who shot himself on the grave of his son in Greenwood Cemetery on Christnas day. Thomas Bowles, who was found guilty of an out-

rageons assault upon a sick woman whom he was conveying to the County Hospital from East New-York, and Richard Curran, his associate, who pleaded guilty to the same charge, were sentenced yesterday to ten years each in the Penitentiary. JERSEY CITY.

In the Hudson County Circuit Court yesterday William Haring, a newsboy, age fifteen, obtained a judgment against the Eric Railroad Company. He sat thrown off a street-car owned by the company and injured severely. The company will carry the case to a higher court.

LONG ISLAND.

Long Island City.—Thomas Donnelly, of Astoria, was arrested yesterday by Sergeant Roulette for being drunk. On the way to the station-house he got the officer's index finger in his mouth and bit it. He will be arraigned this morning on a charge of mayhem.

Jamaica.—Efforts are making at the east end of Long Island to promote the extensive culture of oysters. A company has been incorporated to foster oyster culture in Peconic and Gardiner's Bays, and another company has been formed and Mecox Bay has been bought for the purpose of growing oysters.

NEW-JERSEY.

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Paterson.—The Rev. James Blanks was some time ago placed by his Conference in charge of the First Union African Methodist Church at Passaic, N. J. A dispute arose in the congregation, and a number of colored people, who had been admitted on probation, took possession of the church and barred the pastor out. He went to the sexton to demand the keys, and the sexton assaulted him. The pastor and some of his supporters sued the interlopers in Justice Hudson's Court at Paterson. A decision was rendered yesterday giving judgment against the defendants to the amount of \$25 and costs.

PERTH AMBOY.—Owing to the slippery tracks, a freight train on the Lehigh Valley Railroad at the coal dock was lost control of early yesterday merning on a down grade, and the entire train, including the engine, ran off the track and was wrecked. The cars were leaded with freight and the loss was con-

WESTCHESTER COUNTY.

White Plains.—At the close of proceedings in Special Sessions yesterday, Deputy Sheriff Stephen A. Marshall, of Fort Chester, acting as spokesman, presented to Judge Gifford a massive ivory gavel, surrounded by a heavy gold band bearing the following inscription: "Presented to the Hon, Silas D. Gifford by his court officers, as a token of respect, on his retirement from the office of County Judge of Westchester County, N. Y., December 31, 1883," Judge Gifford has occupied the position of County Judge for twelve years. Judge for twelve years.

A HORSE THIEF'S ROMANCE.

On Friday a romacee was consummated away up in the Adirondaesa which, in tangled plot and novel details, claim equality with the strangest of the many fabulous Christimas tales that are just now being printed. The story is told by a man who came to Gloversville yesterday from Sageville, Hamilton County. Fred Roderick, a young man or twenty-five or twenty-six years, of burly frame, but with a certain manly charm in his rough ways, a young man of twenty-five or twenty-six years, of burly frame, but with a certain maniy charm in his rough ways, the sen of a popular old guide up at Indian Lake, has been confined in the Hamilton County Jail, at Sagoville, for the past four or five menths, awaiding at Sagoville, for the past four or five menths, awaiding trial on the charge of stealing a pair of horses from a farmer of that county. Every Sunday afternoon the Rev. Arthur Chambers, the pastor of the Methodist church in the village, in company with a dozen or fifteen members of his congregation, holds a prayer-meeting and song-meeting in the jail. For two years it has been the habit of Miss Agnes Austin, the young, and by no means uncomely, daughter of the village apothecary, to Join the missionary band, and her sweet voice is credited with having influenced many a tough-hearted prisoner to experience conversion. The first. Sunday after Roderick's arrest she became acquainted with him during the meeting, and on several succeeding sundays it was noticed without exciting remark that she was oftener in a side corridor doing individual work with Prisoner Roderick, as the chaplain and his band thought, than at her enstomary post in the choir laboring for the general salvation. After a month or so by permission of the sheriff she made special and fregular week-day visits with the prisoner, assuring the jail attendants that her healten was fast failing under the in-

his band thought, than at her customary post in the choir laboring for the general salvation. After a month or so by permission of the sheriff she made special and irregular week-day visits with the prisoner, assuring the jail attendants that her heathen was fast falling under the influence. Finally she began to neglect her Sunday work, but her week-day visits became more frequent. This led to some little whispering among her deserted co-workers, but no general suspicion was aroused.

Some five or six weeks ago Roderick confessed conviction at a funday meeting, giving at the time hearty praise and credit to the evangelizing efforts of Miss Austin. But this only bred eavy in the several breasts of her deserted co-workers, and tongue after tongue began to wag until at every fireside in the community it was the chief topic discussed. With the Post Office loaters Aggie Austin's name was in an opprolutious sense connected with that of Fred Roderick and all sorts of reckless talk was Indulged in. Mr. Austin vainly forbade his daughter from continuing her visits to the Jail. The father then called on the sheriff, and in this way was more successful, for the visits were at once interdicted.

Two weeks ago last Thursday Agnes disappeared from her home and nothing was heard of her whereabouts until last Friday, when a constable came riding into Sageville with Agnes behind him. She was taken before the magistrate and sent to jail on the charge of stealing one of the very horses for the theft of which her lover was suffering confinement. The constable said that she stole the horse in broad daylight, and when pursued made but a feeble attempt to escape. Her story is that Fred told her to go to his father's camp and await his arrival, which would be as soon as an opportunity for escape presented itself. After waiting for him at the camp for more than a week she says she became desperate, and, resolving to join him in the jail she ran away from the camp with the deliberate intention of committing some crime that would place h Roderick sent for the sheriff and informed him that he wished to wad Agnes Austin, who, when brought before the sheriff, declared a similar desire. The girl being nineteen years old, and therefore of the glegal age, the sheriff deemed it his duty to comply with their wishes, and the committing magistrate, Jarvis, was summoned. At 3 o'clock in the attennou, in the corridor of the Jali, with the sheriff and two deputies as witnesses, the felon lovers were made one. The district attorney unpoetically declares that this most remarkable of Hymen's consolidations will not binder him from prosecuting the bride and groom on the separate indictments. He promises, however, to try and bring both cases up at the same term of court, and thus allow the pair to make their bridal lourney together to their future mountain home at Clinton prison.

EXECUTIONS IN CANTON.

Correspondence of the London Telegraph.

Crime does not go unpunished in this part of China. The professional guide of the city, indeed, shows the execution ground of Canton with an honest pride. It is not a pleasant place to look at ou a wet morning, and to a criminal must have a very depressing appearance, yet, with the exception of three or four wooden crosses leaning up against the wall, there was nothing to indicate that the scene had ever been one of wholesaie butchery. Still here it was that in 1855, nearly 50,000 so-calledrebels were beheaded. A short lane, seventy-five feet long by about twenty-five feet wide, narrower at one end than the other, it was nearly filled with earthen ware not place marked off for executions; and I stepped down to altitle but at the end of the lane to make the acquaintance of the executioner, who, I learned, lived there, before I found out that the beheading was performed wherever there was a vacant space.

for \$210,000, and property in West Fifty-eighthst., for \$155,000, to John Taylor. A mortgage on the Broadway property of \$210,000 forms a part of the consideration.

INJURED IN A COLLISION.

While engine No. 1 was returning from a false alarm of fire last night, at Twenty-third-st. and Sixth-ave., it came into collision with a wagon belonging to R. H. Macy & Co. The wagon was demolished and the driver, Vincent Lavietz, age fifteen, of No. 211 West Thirteenth-st., was thrown into the street and slightly injured. The pole of the engine was broken.

A NEW SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY.

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yond all pain. The head, which had failen into the pot, was covered up, the bleeding trunk was picked up by the relatives of the couvict, the crowd separated, and after some financial transactions between the officer who superintended the execution and the executioner the latter walked off to his hut, for all was over; the whole affair not having occupied ten minutes. I was told that just then executions took place at about the rate of one a day. Generally they took the form of beheadings, but occasionally people were submitted to the slow death a day. Generally they took the form of beheadings, but occasionally people were submitted to the slow death upon the crosses against the wall, when, of course, the spectacle was more baroarous. A woman was executed the next day for killing her husband, and received eight wounds from the knife of the executioner before she was finally put out of her agony; but I could not find that hers was a frequent case, nor did I meet any one in China who had seen more cruelty practised than that. The "cutting into a thousand pleees" now generally resolves itself into some such mode of dispatch.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

MINIATURE ALMANAC Sun rises, 7:24; sets, 4:40 | Moon rise 5:23 | Moon's age, ds. 28 HIGH WATER TO-DAY.

A.M.—Sandy Hook, 5:58 Gov. Island, 6:43 Hell Gate, 8:32 P.M.—Sandy Hook, 6:20 Gov. Island, 7:04 Hell Gate, 8:53 FOREIGN STEAMERS DUE AT THIS PORT.

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PORT OF NEW-YORK WEDNESDAY, DEC. 26, 1883. ARRIVED.

Brown & Co. Steamer Abyssinia (Br), Bentley, Liverpoot Dec 15 and Queenstown 16, with muse and passengers to Williams &

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Steamer St Laurent (Fr), Jonela, Harre Dec 15, with mise and passengers to Louis de Bebian.

Steamer British Empire (Br), Faweett, Vera Cruz Dec 17, Progreso 20 and Havana 4 days, with mise and passengers to F Alexandre & Sons.

Steamer Lampassa, Crowell, Galveston Dec 19, Key West 4 days, with mide and passengers to C H Mallory & Co.

Steamer City of San Antonio, Wilder, Fernandina Dec 20, Brunswick, Ga, 21, and Port Royal 22, with mide and passengers to C H Mallory & Co.

Steamer Regulator, Doane, Wilmington, 4 days, with mide and passengers to Wm P Cityde & Co.

Steamer Breakwater, Jenney, Lewes, Del. with mide and passengers to Wm P Cityde & Co.

Ship Pauline (Ger), Musterfeld, Bremen 55 days, with irro, salt and empty barrels to order, vessel to C Tobias & Co.

Ship Kinburn of Varmouth, NSI, Tooker, Portsmouth 45 days, with mide to order, vessel to J F Whithers & Co.

Bark Sacramento (Br), McLeod, Pernambuco 50 days, with sugar to order, vessel to D F Whithers & Co.

Bark Secramento (Br.) McLood, Pernambuco 50 days, with singar to order; vessel to master.

Brig Urla (Nor), Salversen, Rio Grande do Sni 78 days, with mise to Thomsen & Co. sessel to C Toblas & Co.

Brig Innisfail (Br.), McLood ob days, with sugar to Morewood & Co; vessel to C Toblas & Co.

Brig Innisfail (Br.), Murrell, Pernambuco 29 days, with sugar to Leaycraft & Co. vessel to Seammell Bros.

Brig Lizice Zittlosen, Berninda & days, with mise to order; vessel to John Zittlosen.

Schr Robert J Barr (of Philadelphia), Leman, Arecho 18 days, with sugar and moiasses to Geo W Ciyde; vessel to Miler & Houghton.

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Schr Robert J Barr (of Philadelphia), Leman, Arecho 18 days, with lumber to order; vessel to Br Metcail & Co.

Schr R D Spear, Higgins, Cedar Keys 15 days, with lumber to order; vessel to master.

SUNSET—Wind at Sandy Hook, light, E; very hazy and thick. At City Island, light, SW; cloudy.

CLEARED.

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mer Richmond, Boaz, Newport News and West Point, a-Old Dominion Sa Co. Steamer Martha Stevens, Chance, Baltimore-J S Krems, Steamer Commonwealth, Van Kirk, Philadelphia-John C

r Eleanora, Bragg, Portland—Horatio Ball, einrich and Toulo (Ger), Meyer, Brewen—Herman Ship Don Juan (Belg), Eden, Bremen-Theo Ruger & Co.
Bark Sir John Lawrence (Nor), Roed, Trieste-Benham &

oyeacn. Bark Artemis (Nor), Moc Cette, Fr-C Tobias & Co. Bark J W Oliver (Br), Cogswell, Bordcaux-J W Parker t Co. Bark Regent (Aust), Percich, Gibraltar or Malta, for orders Slocovich & Co. -Siccovich & Co.

Bark Orsola (Ital), Cacace, Oporto—Boyd & Hineken.

Schr H and J Blenderman, Rulon, Para—G Amsinck & Co.

Schr Neilie Swift, Doane, Port au Prince—Peck & Medero. SAILED

Steamer Bothnia, for Liverpool; Olinde Rodriguez, Havre eerdam, Amsterdam; Algiers and Critic, New-Orleans; Clinonia, Savanuah,
Brig Alberto, for Laguayra.

Also sailed—Via Long Island Sound—Bark Erinna, for Hull.

FOREIGN PORTS.

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LIVERPOOL, Dec 26—Arrived, steamers Montreal (Br), Bonchette, from Portland Dec 15; Victoria (Br), Thomas, from Boston Dec 14; The Queen (Br), Cochrane. from New-York Dec 16. Also arrived, steamer Thanemore (Br), Jones, from Balti more Dec 11.
QUERISTOWN, Dec 26-Salled, steamer Republic (Br), Inv.
ing, from Liverpool hence for New-York,
SOUTHAMTON, Dec 26-Arrived, steamer Main (Ger), Heimbruch, from New-York Dec 15 on her way to Bremen (and
proceeded). proceeded).

GLASGOW, Dec 26—Arrived, steamer Caledonia (Br), Russell from New-York Dec 9.

LEITH, Dec 26—Arrived, steamer Blagdon (Br), Dunn, from New-York Dec 10.

HAVANA, Dec 26-Arrived, steamer Newport, Curtis, from New-York. DOMESTIC PORTS.

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PORTIAND, Dec 26—Arrived, steamers Peruvian, Ritchie, Liverpool, Hanoverian (Br), —, Glasgow.

Roeton, Dec 26—Arrived, steamer Williamsport, Willetts, Philadelphia; Nereus, Coleman, New-York.

Cleared, steamers Aliceheny, Hallett, Baitimore: Roman, Crowell, Philadelphia; Gen Whitney, Hallett, and Glaucus, Hearse, New-York. De Ruyter (Beig.) Barends, Autwerp vis New-York.

20th—Arrived, steamers Missouri (Br), Gleig, Liverpool: Deronda (Br), Dobson, Dantzie.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec 26—Arrived, steamers Lovaine (Br), McCauley, Newcastiev, North Shields (Br), Roberts, Mediterranean porter; City of Savannah, Catherine, Savannah Lancater, Mills, Salem; Achilles, Bacon, Newburryport.

Cleared, steamers Aries, Loveland, Fall River, Tonawands Sherman, Providence: Spartan, Nickerson, Boston.

DELAWANE BREAKWATER, Dec 26—Passed, steamers Lord City and British Princess, from Liverpool for Philadelphia.

BALTIMONE, Dec 26—Arrived, Steamers Horace (Br), Poterson, and Enstace (Br), Brotchie, Porman; Berkshire, Howes, Boston.

Cleared, steamers Wm Kennedy, Parker, Providence; Johns Cleared, steamers Wm Kennedy, Parker, Providence; Johns Cleared, steamers Wm Kennedy, Parker, Providence; Johns

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